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SUBJECT: SOARES-FRELIMO TALKS END

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JOINTLY BY PORTUGAL AND FRELIMO EVENING JUNE 6 AFTER CONCLUSION OF TALKS ONE DAY EARLIER THAN PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED: QUOTE: ON THE 5TH - 6TH OF JUNE, 1974, THE DELEGATIONS OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND OF FRELIMO MET IN LUSAKA WITH THE AIM TO BEGIN POLITICAL TALKS LEADING TO PEACE IN MOZAMBIQUE.

THE DELEGATION OF FRELIMO WAS LED BY THE PRESIDENT, SAMORA MACHEL AND THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION WAS LED BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. MARIO SOARES. THE TWO DELEGATIONS RECOGNISED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CEASE-FIRE DEPENDS ON PRIOR GLOBAL AGREEMENT RELATED TO FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL PRINCIPLES. AFTER THE GENERAL ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEMS IN DISCUSSION, THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION CONSIDERED IT

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NECESRZRY TO CONSULT ITS GOVERNMENT. THEREFORE, THE CONVERSATIONS

WERE ADJOURNED. IN PRINCIPLE, THEY ARE TO BE RESUMED IN LUSAKA IN THE FIRST HALF OF NEXT JULY 1974, DEPENDING ON THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH PAIGC. THE CONVERSATIONS WERE HELD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF GREAT FRANKNESS AND CORDIALITY, BOTH DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED THEIR HEARTY AND PUBLIC THANKS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT DR. KENNETH KAUNDA, TO UNIP, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA FOR THE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND FAVORABLE CONDITIONS OFFERED TO THE DELEGATIONS. END QUOTE.

2. AT DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE, JUNE 6, SOARES SAID HIS DELEGATION GAINED INSIGHT INTO FRELIMO POSITION. SAID GOP WOULD NOT RPT NOT GO BACK ON ITS DECOLONIZATION POLICY. ADDED HIS DELEGATION CAME TO ZAMBIA PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE FOR CEASEFIRE, BUT THERE WERE OTHER CRITICAL PROBLEMS OF MOZAMBIQUE WHICH NEED TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DEALING WITH LAYING DOWN OF ARMS. SOARES SAID HE LEFT "HOPEFUL THAT THE TALKS MAY CONTINUE AND REACH RESULTS OF PEACE AND THE LIQUIDATION OF COLONIALISM."

3. MACHEL GIVEN ROUSING AIRPORT SENDOFF BACK TO DAR JUNE 7. GRZ OFFICIALS PRESENT INCLUDED PRESIDENT KAUNDA, UNIP SECRETARY GENERAL GREY ZULU, PRIME MINISTER MAINZA CHONA, AND OVER HALF OF UNIP CENTRAL COMMITTEE. KAUNDA TOOK OBVIOUS DELIGHT IN INTRODUCING MACHEL AT PRESS CONFERENCE NOTING THAT UNIP WAS VERY PROUD TO CONSIDER HIM "DEAR COLLEAGUE" AND "GOOD FRIEND." IN PREPARED STATEMENT MACHEL SAID CONVERSATIONS WITH PORTUGUESE DELEGATION HAD BEEN "VERY GOOD." NOTED FOUR BENEFITS OF TALKS: (A) PORTUGUESE HAD BEEN MADE AWARE OF CERTAIN FUNDAMENTALS WHICH WILL MAKE FUTURE TALKS MORE USEFUL, (B) BOTH SIDES WERE ABLE TO CREATE CLIMATE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE, (C) PORTUGUESE ENABLED SEE FRELIMO S POLITICAL AND LEADERSHIP CAPACITY, (D) SOARES WILL BE ABLE INTERPRET CORRECTLY TRUE IMAGE OF FRELIMO TO HIS COLLEAGUES AND WORK FOR JUST PEACE AND TOTAL INDEPENDENCE. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION ABOUT CABORA BASSA, MACHEL SAID PROBLEM WOULD BE DELT WITH IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE AND VORSTER. MACHEL OUTWARDLY SEEMED VERY PLEASED AT PROGRESS IN TALKS SO FAR.  
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